

ANNUAL REPORT TO LEYBURN R.D. COUNCIL FOR  
YEAR 1943.

A.  
1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

AREA	...	...	...	...	...	63613 ACRES
POPULATION	...	...	...	...	...	6600
INHABITED HOUSES	...	...	...	...	...	1747
RATEABLE VALUE	...	...	...	...	...	£25075
PRODUCE OF 1D. RATE	...	...	...	...	...	£99
ESTIMATED POPULATION	...	...	...	...	...	6836

2. VITAL STATISTICS.

Births	Live Births {	Legitimate	...	...	Male 51	Female 47	106
		Illegitimate	...	...	7	1	
	Still Births {	Legitimate	...	...	0	1	2
		Illegitimate	...	...	0	1	
	Birth-rate per 1000, 15.5    Average 16.4						
Male 47    Female 43—90							
Deaths	Death-rate per 1000 13.6    Average 12.1						
	Deaths from Childbirth {					Sepsis	0
						Other causes	0
	Deaths under 1 year—Legitimate 2    Illegitimate 0—20 per 1000 births						
	„	from Measles					0
	„	from Whooping Cough					0
	„	from Diarrhoea, under 2 years					0
	„	from Cancer					10
	„	from Diphtheria					0

3. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Hospital  
Accommodation

A—Fever. Arrangements exist with Richmond for the reception of Searlet Fever, Diphtheria Typhoid eases in their Hospitals under a Joint Hospital Board. This Board also provides a second Isolation Hospital for evaeuated ehildren.

Smallpox. Arrangements exist with Darlington for the isolation and treatment of Smallpox.

B—Hospital aecommodation for Tubercular, Maternity, Children & Orthopædies falls within the purview of the County Council. Uunmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children in the area are dealt with under the new Poor Law.

Ambulances

AMBULANCES. Ambulanees ean be obtained from—  
By subscribers, from Memorial Hospital, Darlington  
Ambulances for infeetious eases are sent from Richmond or Thirsk at the request of the M.O.H.

The distriet needs an Ambulance

Public Health  
Officers

The Officers of the Distriet Council are a Medieal Offieer and a Sanitary Inspector, the latter, Mr. Sutton, being qualified and certifeated.

Nursing

There is a Distriet Nurse at Leyburn, who supervises Leyburn, Barden, Bellerby & Spennithorne

There is another at Preston, who visits Preston, Wensley, Redmire and Castle Bolton

There is a Distriet Nurse for Hunton, Patrick Brompton, Newton-le-Willows & Constable Burton

There is a Distriet Nurse at East Witton, who also serves Thornton Steward, Middleham and Coverdale

The Distriet Nurses act as midwives

Laboratory  
Facilities

Free examination of Swabs and other pathological material at Emergeney Laboratory, North-allerton. Sputum examined for tuberele at expense of County Council  
Free provision of Diphtheria anti-toxin

Bye-laws

Building and Street Bye-laws have proved of value.      There is a Town Planning Scheme  
The R.D. Council provide Diphtheria immunisation.      Immunisation is offered to all through their own Doctor. the Council will pay 5/- each for each ease immunised  
Immunisation is carried out at the schools. About 90 per cent. of children are immunised

4. SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Water Supplies	The parishes of Leyburn, Middleham, Patrick Brompton, Harmby, Preston, Bellerby & part of Carlton Highdale all have piped water supplies under the control of the Council. During August and September, the Leyburn supply at Cranehow Bottom failed to keep up with the demand, and the recently installed engine and pump at Whipperdale was brought into use. It was working for five weeks and proved quite satisfactory. In September the yield at Cranehow increased and pumping ceased. Patrick Brompton engine and pump continue to be difficult to maintain in working order. Bellerby village supply again failed in August, and Bedale R.D.C. had to use their electric pump to maintain the supply, The parishes of Agglethorpe, Arrathorne, Castle Bolton, Carlton Town, Finghall, Melmerby, Redmire, East & West Scafton, Spennithorne, Wensley and East Witton have piped water supplies operated in some cases by small water companies & by Parish Councils. Generally these village supplies are fairly satisfactory. Water supply schemes are urgently required for Constable Burton, Hauxwell, Hutton Hang, Hunton, Newton-le-Willows, Thornton Steward and West Witton.																																																																																					
Sewerage	Leyburn, Middleham, Castle Bolton, East Witton and Swinithwaite have stoneware sewers laid to sewage works. Sewers are a necessity in many more villages.																																																																																					
Scavenging	The Council undertake the removal of house refuse in the parishes of Leyburn, Middleham, and house refuse and privy emptying in Arrathorne, Hunton and Hornby. Many more parishes should be added to this list. A new tip has been acquired at Arrathorne. The tip at Middleham is unsuitable for the purpose, A new one will have to be found.																																																																																					
Rivers & Streams	Pollution of streams takes place at Carlton, Harmby, Bellerby, Hunton and West Witton. Sewage works are an urgent necessity in these villages.																																																																																					
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Disinfection	Infectious Disease Prevention.—Fumigation by Formalin was carried out at 7 premises during the year.																																																																																					
Bed Bugs	Bugs were reported in two places during the year. At one no sign of them could be found. The dwelling was, however, sprayed with insecticide on two occasions. No further complaints were received. The second complaint proved to be well founded. A hostel provided for workers engaged in timber felling had a good number of bugs working in and around the bunks. The huts were stripped of all fittings, the furniture taken to pieces, and the wall board linings removed. The whole buildings and all building material was thoroughly sprayed with insecticide. There has been no further trouble. Periodic inspections are made of all bedding and fittings in the huts.																																																																																					
Meat Inspections	<p>The whole of the fresh meat for the Rural Areas of Aysgarth and Leyburn is now being killed at the Leyburn slaughterhouse. It is controlled by the Ministry of Food, who have appointed the Wensleydale Butcher's Association to be their contractors, and this Association carries out the slaughtering. The slaughter of graded animals takes place on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays of each week. Animals that are rejected at the grading, or any that injure themselves in transit, or are found by their owners to be unwell are being sent in for slaughter daily. Such animals are known in the slaughterhouse as Casualties. Separate records are kept of these animals.</p> <table><tr><td colspan="10">Animals inspected at Leyburn Slaughterhouse.</td></tr><tr><td colspan="5">Graded Animals</td><td colspan="5">Casualty Animals</td></tr><tr><td>Beasts</td><td>Cows</td><td>Sheep</td><td>Calves</td><td>Pigs</td><td>Beasts</td><td>Cows</td><td>Sheep</td><td>Calves</td><td>Pigs</td></tr><tr><td>475</td><td>54</td><td>3874</td><td>40</td><td>19</td><td>25</td><td>123</td><td>91</td><td>36</td><td>16</td></tr><tr><td colspan="5">Condemnations.</td><td colspan="5">Parts of animals</td></tr><tr><td colspan="5"></td><td colspan="5">837lbs., suffering tuberculosis</td></tr><tr><td colspan="5"></td><td colspan="5">1292lbs., other diseases</td></tr><tr><td colspan="5">Casualty animals</td><td colspan="5">Beasts 52. Sheep 35. Calves 13. Pigs 2</td></tr></table> <p>Tuberculosis was the reason for condemning the carcasses of 23 of these beasts, 2 calves and 1 pig. Also for condemning parts of the carcasses of 7 beasts, 4 pigs and 3 calves. The total weight of meat condemned for tuberculosis amounted to 9749lbs. Other diseases accounted for the condemnation of 29 beasts, 35 sheep, 11 calves, 1 pig. The weight of these animals amounted to 6456lbs. To this total must be added the parts of animals and offals that were unfit for human food weighing 2760lbs.</p>						Animals inspected at Leyburn Slaughterhouse.										Graded Animals					Casualty Animals					Beasts	Cows	Sheep	Calves	Pigs	Beasts	Cows	Sheep	Calves	Pigs	475	54	3874	40	19	25	123	91	36	16	Condemnations.					Parts of animals										837lbs., suffering tuberculosis										1292lbs., other diseases					Casualty animals					Beasts 52. Sheep 35. Calves 13. Pigs 2				
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Milk	There are 396 registered cowkeepers in the area. Most of the milk produced is collected by the large dairies with depots in or near Leyburn. Producer retailers are not numerous, there are only 9.																																																																																					



**Schools** Now that schools are to be used as feeding centres for ehildren, the provision of a pure and wholesome piped water supply will no doubt be considered for the schools at Constable Burton, West Witton, Hulton, Thornton Steward and Newton-le-Willows.

5. HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

*Housing Act, 1935 : Overcrowding.*

**Housing** It was again impossible to carry out systematic housing inspections during the year, Five overcrowded families were taken out of their unsatisfactory dwellings & placed in the new houses at Middleham. Three of the vacated dwellings were closed, and one was allowed to remain as a dwelling by licence for a period of 6 months. Three cottages erected by the Council are still used as a Hostel for evacuees. The undermentioned are particulars of houses known to be overcrowded. In many cases the dwellings are unfit for human habitation. It is impossible to keep accurate records of dwellings that are overcrowded as a result of the war, i.e. houses where bombed out friends or relatives are staying for an indefinite period or where the wives and families of serving men are lodged. The latter usually move off as soon as their husbands are transferred to another district. Care has been taken to ensure that official evaeuees are not placed in over-erowed dwellings.

A.	1.	Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year	...	...	10
	2.	Number of persons dwelling therein	...	...	68
B.		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported in year	...	...	0
C.	1.	Number of cases of overerowding relieved in year	...	...	5
	2.	Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...	25

6. NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Age—1	1	2	3	4-5	10	15	20	35	45	55	Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Small Pox											Nil	Nil	Nil
Diphtheria							1		2		3	3	Nil
Searlet	1			8	1						10	10	Nil
Puerperal											0	Nil	Nil
Pneumonia								1	3		3	Nil	Nil

**General** Measles 17 cases notified. No Vaccinations or Re-Vaccinations have been performed by MOH

Influenza, some Searlet Fever and Diphtheria ocured.

**Cancer** 10 deaths.

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM

Cases notified—nil Treated at home—nil Vision impaired—nil

TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFICATIONS

AGE	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Deaths	
	M	F	M	F	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
0—1	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	2	...	...	...	...	2
35	...	...	...	...	1	...
45	...	...	...	...	1	1
55	1	...	...	...	...	...
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	3				2	3

Reported from Registrar-General—Pulmonary Deaths. 2. Non-Pulmonary, 1  
Opthalmia Neonatorum, 0

No action under the Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations, 1925, was required

Things requiring attention: Scavenging for the whole district, and the acquisition of suitable tips for the disposal of refuse. More houses to be provided by the Council.

I am, Yours obediently,  
GEORGE COCKCROFT.

